benefit of All India Travel scheme so far;

(b) what are the norms and conditions envisaged under this scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government insists upon a time schedule for them to complete their travelling programme;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to relax the same in view of the inconvenience being caused to freedom fighters to complete their travel programme within a fixed time limit; and

(e) whether Shri Sunil Gavaskar the noted cricketer and his family have been rewarded with a life-long Railway pass; and if so, the number of other persons who have been awarded with such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 34 467 All India Complimentary Card Passes have been issued upto 31st October 1987. to the Freedom Fighters.

(b) and (c) As per the scheme evolved at the instance of the Ministry of Home Affairs (who bear the expenditure on cost), Freedom Fighters who are receiving pension from the Central Revenues under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, have been given the All India Complimentary Card Passes for travel from any station to any station freely on the Indian Railways system in first class with their spouse/companion during the one year validity period of the pass. The scheme was in operation from 9th November 1986 to 18th November, 1987.

(d) There is no proposal to relax the time limit for travel beyond 1 year.

(e) No person has been given

Research on Vedic Mathematics

*377. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Times of India of 3rd September, 1987 wherein it has been stated that in Britain, Researchers have found that Vedic mathematics has proved to be very useful in checking results or computer calculations and is opening new vistas in other fields also;

(b) if so, what are the reserches made so far or being proceeded further in the country relating to Vedic mathematics and its applications; and

(c) what are the names of such projects and Governments efforts to encourage them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Some scholars in India are known to be engaged in the study and propagation of Vedic Mathematics. The Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan which has recently been set up, is considering the preparation of a project to encourage Vedic mathematics and its application to computer calculations.

Railway lines electrified in Rajasthan

*378. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of railway lines electrified so far in Rajas-